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1. Reply to Office Action mailed August 18, 2004; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 1657/2052. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 18, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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